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## Correspondence

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THE PHOTO ART SHOP

NASHVILLE, INDIANA

February 8, 1932

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Dr. Warren:

I am writing you to inquire whether or not you might be interested in the photographs which I have taken in Spencer county with reference to the Lincoln landmarks. These center around Lincoln City--the park area especially. Perhaps you have seen a number of them reproduced in The Sunday Star rotogravure section.

If you have any special localities in mind which would yield a Lincoln photograph I would be glad to know about it as I get over the state quite frequently and could picture the same without making a special trip or adding great expense.

Thanks for your interest in my work, which, I believe, Miss Esther McNitt, of the state library, said you inquired about some time ago.

Very respectfully,

*Frank M. Hohenberger*



Indiana Public

February 11, 1932

Mr. Frank M. Hohenberger  
Nashville, Indiana

My dear Mr. Hohenberger:

You may feel sure I am interested in the photograph which you are taking of the Lincoln country and would like very much to have you make a list of those that are available and prices for the same. We often have inquiries here for photographs of different phases in Lincoln's life and I think I might be able to send you some orders.

Thanking you for calling to my attention the availability of these portraits, I am

Respectfully yours,

LAW:EB

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

See portraits



February 26, 1932  
Dict. February 25

Mr. Frank M. Hohenberger  
The Photo Art Shop  
Nashville, Indiana

My dear Mr. Hohenberger:

Thank you very much for sending a list of the negatives you have on hand and also their prices. It is likely we shall need some of these at different times and I will keep the prices on hand so we will know what you have in stock.

Respectfully yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:EB

*See portfolio*



INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

August 17, 1937

Mr. Louis A. Warren, Director  
Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Warren:

Thank you very much for your kind interest in our Lincoln exhibit at the 1937 Indiana State Fair. The pictures which you recently sent were exactly the type of illustration we wanted from which to construct our display.

The old books of the Lincoln period will be very useful to us in our exhibit. We shall take good care of them and return them to you, together with the pictures, on September 11th, if this arrangement meets with your approval.

In appreciation of your co-operation I am enclosing two tickets to the Indiana State Fair which I wish you would accept with our compliments.

Thanking you for your consideration of our requests, I am

Very sincerely,

*Roger C. Hurst,*  
Assistant, Publicity Office



August 23, 1937

Mr. Roger A. Hurst  
Assistant, Publicity Office  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana

My dear Mr. Hurst:

Thank you for the tickets to the State Fair which were enclosed in your letter of August 17.

It will be possible for me to make use of them as I expect to attend the Fair on Labor Day and will not fail to see your exhibit.

If we can help you further, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director



INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

September 16, 1937

Mr. Louis A. Warren, Director  
Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Warren:

Under separate cover I am returning to you the two illustrations of Lincoln and the five early text books you so kindly let us have for our display at the 1937 Indiana State Fair.

The illustrations were useful in simulating the interior of the Lincoln cabin in southern Indiana. The books were displayed on a shelf against the cabin wall and a credit card was posted with acknowledgements to your organization.

We have had many favorable comments on the Lincoln exhibit at the Fair and wish to express to you our sincere thanks for helping to make the display possible.

With appreciation for your co-operation in this matter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Roger A. Hurst*

Assistant, Publicity Office



State Fair Display

1937

September 20, 1937

Mr. Roger A. Hurst  
Assistant, Publicity Office  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana

My dear Mr. Hurst:

The books and pictures which you used for your display at the State Fair have arrived safely and we are glad to have been able to assist you in the project.

*truly*  
The clippings which you kindly forwarded were used and I had the pleasure of viewing your exhibit, and want to compliment you upon the human interest element which was suggested in it.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director





OFFICES OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

EDWIN K. STEERS, ATTORNEY GENERAL

219 STATE HOUSE

August 10, 1959

Mr. John A. Whitehead, Executive Director  
State Office Building Commission  
Room A-3, Senate Chamber

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

In regard to your inquiry about the State seal, we have found the following.

No one really knows where the original design for the seal came from. The consensus seems to be that Governor Harrison brought the seal with him from Pennsylvania around 1800. The seal, in a design similar to the present one, first appeared on Territorial documents in 1801. In 1816 the Legislature, by enactment, authorized the Governor to procure a seal and a press, and \$100 was appropriated for this purpose.

In the House Journal of 1816 there is a description of the State seal by a legislator as "a forest and a woodman felling a tree, a buffalo leaving the forest and fleeing through a plain to a distant forest and the sun setting in the West with the word Indiana." This description was never incorporated into law. Furthermore, according to Mr. Jacob Piatt Dunn in his book Indiana and the Indians, the above description is erroneous. He describes the seal as a rising sun on a new Commonwealth west of the mountains which undoubtedly represented the Alleghenies. The woodman stands for civilization subduing the wilderness; and the buffalo, headed away from the sun, represented the primitive life retiring before the advance of civilization.

Other than the one allusion in the House Journal of 1816, the seal has never been described in a statute. The Constitution of 1851 Art. XV, Sec. 5, says: "There shall be a seal of this State, which shall be kept by the Governor, and used by him officially, and shall be called, the seal of the State of Indiana." In 1895 the Legislature, in order to discover what the true description of the seal was, ordered the clerk of the Senate to investigate. The clerk reported that the seal had never been officially adopted and recommended action, but none was taken. The description of the seal remains in abeyance today.




John A. Whitehead  
August 10, 1959  
Page two.

Burns Indiana Statutes Sec. 49-1602 says that the Secretary of State is to keep a description of the seal. The reason one is not presently kept is that no description exists. However the same general pattern of the sun, a woodsman and a buffalo has persisted throughout the history of the State seal.

We hope the above answers your questions.

Sincerely,

  
EDWIN K. STEERS  
Attorney General

WDR:efs



A number of Indiana mural decorators and sculptors have been chosen to compete for work to decorate the State Office Buildings and Plaza now being constructed just west of the State Capitol in Indianapolis. You have been chosen as one of the artists invited to submit competitive sketches.

We feel that the site offers a great opportunity to the artists of Indiana. The budget for decoration is ample for the production of major works. We hope you will be a competitor.

It is planned that preliminary sketches be submitted to the Commission office by December 1, 1939. A committee competent to judge works of art will select any designs they feel to be worthy of further development, and those artists each will be given a retainer of \$500.00 to present more finished sketches at a larger scale. Final judgment will be made on the merit of these second presentations.

If you are interested in entering this competition, write to this office as soon as possible, in any case before September 30th, and we will send you a detailed prospectus, scale drawings and all necessary information.

Yours very truly,

John A. Whitehead  
Executive Director

JAW:jlc



# BARNETT & PATTON

ESTABLISHED 1920

## Law Books

42 VIRGINIA AVENUE  
INDIANAPOLIS 4, INDIANA

PHONE: ME. 5-6896

October 15-1962  
Have been writing it for  
3 days.

Mr. R. Gerald Mc Murtry,

Dear Mr. Mc Murtry:-

I was very much interested in your article  
Indiana and the Civil War published in the Sunday Magazine Indianapolis  
Star, September 9.

You mention Dr. Harnes exhaustive work - Lincoln Youth. I have read quite  
a number of Lincoln books but this is my grand prize Lincoln book.  
You will note my letter bear that I am in the law-book business. Some time  
ago I was checking several Indiana Acts that we had sold for damages &  
missing pages which are often fair parturition in the older sessions and note some  
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home ill. but a few days ago it was necessary that I go to my store, and  
I looked up the Act so I could write you. It is the 41st session 1861. Page 11  
Section 24 - That the several parties herein named be allowed  
the respective sums specified for ~~services~~ expenses and services in con-  
nection with the reception of Hon. Abraham Lincoln, President elect of the  
United States. House committee of invitation and escort.

L. C. Brankham. fifteen dollars and fifty cents;

J. C. Beach. four dollars;

John H. Stoenburg four dollars;

M. A. O. Pachard two dollars and fifty cents;

R. A. Cameron eleven dollars.

Senate committee of invitation and escort.

George K. Steele four dollars;

Halter March seven dollars and fifty cents;

A. B. Line three dollars;

Western Telegraph Company sixteen dollars and seventy eight cents & suppers

City Drays Artillery seventy-five dollars;

City Drays Music thirty-five dollars;

National Guards Band thirty dollars;

Bates House eighteen dollars.

For carriages, as follows:



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Heaver + Williams fifteen dollars;  
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Allen + Hinesly eighteen dollars;

On page 17 - Sec 81 - That the Drugs' Bank be allowed the sum of Twenty-five dollars for services on the reception of Honorable Abraham Lincoln.

(Section 24 has included City Greys Music thirty-five dollars)  
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I recently acquired a new Lincoln Book. Lincoln as a Lawyer. Haven't hardly had time to look through it. but since you mention the Mc Cornish Reaper case I did look it up. on page 177 it is discussed in full. I imagine you have this book. Stanton called him a "THAT GORILLA" later Lincoln appointed Stanton Secretary of War. The enclosed Testimonial I think you will note that I was born in Pennsylvania. It is in Christian County which adjoins Sangamon Taylorville is the County seat. I hope to find where Lincoln appears in Court in Christian County. He - the divine. I was simply overwhelmed. I was amazed at the not only of my fraternity brothers but of the large number of judges + lawyers non-members.

It was a complete surprise. at times it seems like a wonderful and unforgettable dream. I will keep your excellent article and highly treasure it.

Sincerely

J. Huber Patton



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Barnett & Patton  
Law Books  
42 Virginia Avenue  
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Sincerely

(Signed) J. Huber Patton



October 22, 1962

Mr. J. Huber Patton  
42 Virginia Avenue  
Indianapolis 4  
Indiana

Dear Mr. Patton:

I have your letter of recent date. I have read it with unusual interest. You have provided for me many facts which I did not know. I expect to use this information at some future date.

I am pleased to learn that you liked my article which appeared in the Sunday Magazine of the Indianapolis Star.

Again, many thanks for your fine letter.

Yours sincerely,

R. Gerald McMurtry

RGM:md



WHEELER McMILLEN  
605 ELM STREET  
MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

October 26, 1962

Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry  
Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. McMurtry:

The October LINCOLN LORE has prompted this note relative to Lincoln's visits to Indiana.

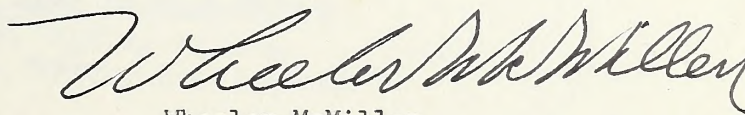
Some years ago (1914-18) I owned and edited a small newspaper at Covington, Indiana, which is about fifteen miles east from Danville, Illinois. While there I was told by old-timers that Lincoln had once "stopped" at the Hiigel House. This structure, decrepit and I believe used as an ice house while I was in the town, stood beside the road from Danville and near the bed of the Wabash and Erie Canal. Evidently, as a hotel, it had been located to accommodate both highway and canal travelers. It no longer remains. Members of a Hiigel family were around Covington in 1918 and may still be there.

I never discovered any dependable proof that Lincoln had visited Covington, and as a matter of fact did not pursue the question far. Some of the elders thought he had spent the night, having come on business at the local courthouse. Others suggested that he may have been en route to Crawfordsville and have stopped only for a meal. One of my informants was Lucas Nebeker, an attorney, who also told me of having gone to State Line to see Lincoln when he was en route to Washington.

Incidentally you are probably familiar with the passage in Lew Wallace's autobiography in which he tells of driving with Dan Voorhees to Danville where they listened for hours during a bar-room story telling session in which Lincoln, Hannegan and others participated.

Knowing your concern with any fragment pertinent to Lincoln, I thought you might be interested in the Hiigel House legend, for whatever it may be worth.

Cordially,



Wheeler McMillen

WMcM/eb



October 31, 1962

Mr. Wheeler McMillen  
605 Elm Street  
Moorestown, New Jersey

Dear Mr. McMillen:

I was pleased to have your letter of October 26. I have given the information you sent me considerable thought.

In fact, I have never before heard of Lincoln's visit to Covington, Indiana. I will keep your letter on file and will try to do some research on the subject.

Many thanks for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

R. Gerald McMurtry

RCM:md



## LOCAL HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Given Under the Auspices of the Fort Wayne Y. M. C. A.  
with the Cooperation of the  
Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society

Meeting #1 - Y. M. C. A.

Friday evening, May 15 at 8.00 P.M.

Subject - "Fort Wayne's Strategic Location and Early History"

Speaker - J. B. Wiles, Secretary and Manager, Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

Meeting #2 - Y. M. C. A.

Friday evening, May 22 at 8.00 P.M.

Subject - "The French and English Fort and the French and Indian War"

Speaker - Rex Potterf, Dept. of Social Studies, Central High School.

Tour #1

Saturday afternoon, May 23.

Leave the Y. M. C. A. at 2.30 P.M.

Visit the site of the first French fort, the portage and the museum of the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society.

Tour conducted by Brown Cooper, Past President, Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society

Meeting #3 - Y. M. C. A.

Friday evening, May 29 at 8.00 P.M.

Subject - "Harmar and St. Clair"

Speaker - Rollo Mosher, Civics Instructor, North Side High School

Meeting #4 - Y. M. C. A.

Friday evening, June 5 at 8.00 P.M.

Subject - "Wayne's Campaign and Forts"

Speaker - Dr. Lewis A. Warren, Lincoln Librarian, The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company.

Tour #2

Saturday afternoon, June 6.

Leave the Y. M. C. A. at 2.30 P.M.

Visit the site of Wayne's Forts, Harmar's Defeat, the French and English Fort and Little Turtle's Grave and visit relics from Little Turtle's grave at Jacob Stouder's residence.

Tour conducted by E. L. Gaines, Pres. Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society.

Meeting #5 - Y. M. C. A.

Friday evening, June 12 at 8.00 P.M.

Subject - "The War of 1812"

Speaker - Colonel D. N. Foster, Chairman, Fort Wayne Park Board

Meeting #6 - Y. M. C. A.

Friday evening, June 19 at 8.00 P.M.

Subject - "Canal Days"

Speaker - R. B. Hanna

Tour #3

Saturday afternoon, June 20.

Leave the Y. M. C. A. at 2.30 P.M.

Follow the routes of the old canals.

Visit the site of the Aqueduct, the Feeder Canal and Johnny Appleseed's grave.



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LIBRARY OF THE  
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ART AND HISTORY  
NEW YORK